[Mr. C. P. Gopalapanicker.]

Therefore Government thought, in the interests of revenue, of opening a Collector's office at Alwaye. In these circumstances, I hope the House will be pleased to grant the additional allotments asked for.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 19,037 under Demand XI—Taxes on Income, was put to the vote and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

DEMAND XIII—Forest.

**Mr. C. Kumara Das :** I move for a supplementary grant of Rs. 12,500 under Demand XIII—Forest.

The construction of the Perumchani Reservoir has been started. It is expected that the dam will be completed in about three years. When the water is let out, an area of about five square miles will be submerged. There is a good quantity of very valuable timber in that area. It is necessary that this timber and firewood, timber to the extent of 12 lakhs of c. ft. and firewood to the extent of one lakh of tons are exploited and removed from the place, within these three years. The existing staff in that division will not be able to cope with the additional work. So it is proposed to form a new forest division with an Assistant Conservator of Forests and a staff. It is for this purpose that this amount is asked for. The grant is for a period of eight months beginning from Vrischigom. I request that the House may be pleased to grant this amount.

**Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker :** One point for elucidation, Sir. Is it the idea that this staff is to be for three years ?

**Mr. C. Kumara Das :** It is only a temporary arrangement, it may be for three years or three months.

**President :** What is intended is this. As soon as the reservoir is complete, five or six square miles will be under water. So before water is let in so to say, all the valuable timber and firewood have to be cut and carried away and, if possible, sold before that time, so that the water may submerge that area.

The question that Government be granted a sum of Rs. 12,500 Under demand XIII—Forest, was put to the vote and carried.

The demand was passed and the grant was made.

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